



MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 2022

PRESENT

Sandra Maclennan, Chair (SM)	Councillor Lorna Creswell (LC)
Willie Chisholm, SFRS (WC)	Martin Robertson, Moray Council (MR)
Angela Sutherland (AS)	Tina Coffey, Minutes (TC)

APOLOGIES

David Edgar (DE)	Debbie Herron (DH)
Kathleen Robertson (KR)	Mike Scott (MS)
Ben Stewart (BS)	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Welcome from Chair	Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Vice Chair for chairing at the last meeting.	
2. Minutes from 6 th April 22	The minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, there were no amendments. The minutes were proposed by Martin and seconded by Angela.	
3. Report from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	Willie presented his quarterly report (emailed to the membership), he explained the information contained in the report explaining there had been 3 deliberate fires with 1 fire fatality, no road traffic accidents and 3 dwelling fires. He stated figures were steady and there were no trends, with seasonal changes and in the lead up to the holidays to reduce wilful fires, schools and groups will be targeted. Forres is a proactive station and will attend fire safety visits providing guidance and answering any questions. Currently commuter drivers are being targeted to reduce accidents and firms whose alarms go off regularly,	

	unwanted alarms, are being worked with. Recruitment of retained firefighters is currently underway.	
4. Matters arising	<p>Item 3 – roundabouts – Chair to follow up</p> <p>Item 3 – Transport Forum – commented that the sound was not good at the venue on the day – Martin offered to see about obtaining a copy of the presentation</p> <p>Item 3 – Lorna had not received any response regarding the 30mph zones</p> <p>Item 3 – Chair to invite Kresanna Aigner to come and speak re the Dandelion Project</p> <p>Item 6 – the coffee morning on the 7th May will be taken up by the Lossiemouth Entertainment Academy and not the Town Hall User Group</p> <p>Item 6 – pop-up pantry started in the Town Hall on 30th April, it is a trial for 3 months</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>MR</p> <p>SM</p>
5. Treasurers Report	The Treasurer was unable to attend.	
6. Correspondence	<p>Secretary emailed out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit of Community – Eventbrite invite • STP – Town Centre Action Plan • Hustings information • STP – Town Centre Action Plan • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • Hustings flier • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin • Money for Moray – online voting link • STP – Funding Finder April 2022 • Spirit of Community – Survey Monkey link • Rothes Community Play Park Information • tsiMORAY e-Bulletin 	
7. FACT	Debbie was unable to attend and will give a report at the next meeting.	
8. Spirit of Community 2022	Spirit of Community event took place on 27 th April with around 50 people in attendance. Evaluation to be undertaken and Survey Monkey was complex to complete although informed it was a challenging survey to put together. More engagement to be undertaken to include pop-up events, Martin to arrange some pop-ups in the high street and local supermarkets. Feedback from the inspector who attended on the night was he was pleased with the passion at the event and he will follow-up. Martin to book a stall at the Toun Mercat in order to engage with more people. Chair to book the town hall for a follow-up SoC meeting to see if it is possible to find out the thoughts of facilitators and scribes.	<p>MR</p> <p>SM</p>
9. Moray Towns Partnership	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting. If an SNP led council, noted in their manifesto SNP had promised to restart the Moray Towns Partnership.	

10. Moray Area Forum	No meeting has taken place since the last FAF meeting. Dawn Brodie has contacted all the Forums and is trying to get them started up again.	
11. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC – Forres in Bloom coffee morning on 14th May • AS – has heard nothing back from the relaunch of the Transport Forum, Martin spoke to Tracy at Moray Council as there hasn't been any feedback. The idea of a circular route from the 314 service travelling to Knockomie and extending round the new houses, is there a plan to do this? Lorna to follow up • MR - to check with Dawn regarding the Planning for Real map under the stage, looking to recycle it. Martin said he is happy to work with any group if they need help • LC - will attend the Credit Union on Wednesdays, is looking for funding for the Credit Union from HIE and the Credit Union was nominated for an award which they did not get and the progress regarding insulation of the Credit Union restroom is ongoing Museum – looking to help where possible 	LC MR
12. Councillors	<p>Councillor Creswell was present and informed those present of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorna is saying cheerio to all the people she has been working with over the past 10 years 	
13. AOB	<p>Martin informed all present that he was working on engagement with regards to Mannachie Park and had been in Tesco where he engaged with roughly 120 people, he will be knocking on doors and in the High Street on the morning of Saturday 7th May. Two focus groups will take place on 9th May aiming to engage as widely as possible and a consultant will be present. Survey to be completed and feed into the wider plan, £50k is available through the Council and will have to fundraise any other funds. The survey asked for people to leave their details. The information will be pulled together with the Forum taking a lead, all present were happy with this.</p> <p>Lorna – film night on 4th June – trying to get someone to put snippets of films together collated for the Jubilee weekend.</p>	
14. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 1 st June 2022, 7pm in the North Room of the Town Hall.	